

NWQMC Steering Committee Minutes for July 12, 2019

Meeting Attendees: Candice Hopkins, Gary Rowe, Dan Sullivan, Kris McSwain, Marie DeLorenzo, Danielle Donkersloot, James Beckley

1. Membership Updates (Susan)

- No updates since 7/8 NWQMC meeting
- Jeff Adams

2. National Monitoring Conference Update

- We distributed the poll about the next NMC on Monday but have not yet heard results. Candice will ask Jeff to distribute results to the Steering Committee.

3. ACWI Updates (Kris McSwain)

- New permanent ACWI Executive Secretary
- Groundwater and soil scientist by training, has lots of water-quality experience
- 17 committees have been discontinued since 2017, so they only have to cut 17 out of 105. There are 5 USGS FACs, and we don't know if they'll cut any at all.
- Have put together a strong package for justification for ACWI and submitted it
- We are moving forward with business as usual until we hear more information
- Kris is required to attend all Work Group meetings and needs to be informed and invited of all meetings. She also needs an agenda for our work group meetings before they happen.

4. Collaboration and Outreach (C&O) Work Group (Candice and Danielle)

- Webinars are on pause until September
- We are accepting newsletter articles through mid-August at our gmail address
- C&O is always looking for more help and energy

5. Volunteer Monitoring (VM) Work Group (James)

- Met earlier this week; have several activities going on
- Next work group call on August 8th

6. Methods Board (Dan)

- Spoke with Margaret McCauley from Monday's call about standardization for trash assessment methods for water. Seems like a great fit for the Methods Board.
- Plan to work together on an approach charter to look at the topic of trash assessment and will reach out to Council members who may be interested in helping with this issue.